

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. CR25-0120-KKE

Plaintiff(s),

V.

ARTEMIO MONFEDA-TOVAR,

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL
DATE AND PRETRIAL DEADLINES

Defendant(s).

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to continue the trial date and pretrial motions deadline, which was filed by Defendant's counsel and not opposed by the Government. Dkt. No. 15. Initially, Defendant himself opposed a continuance and refused to waive his right to a speedy trial. *Id.* at 1. Defendant subsequently agreed to the continuance and waived his speedy trial rights. *See* Dkt. Nos. 17–18.

The Court has considered the reasons for the motion, the fact that all parties now join the motion, and the remainder of the record, and finds that:

1. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a continuance in this case would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation due to counsel's need for more time to review the evidence, consider possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the defense, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv); and

2. A failure to grant such a continuance in this proceeding would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i); and
3. The additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay, as Defendant has requested more time to prepare for trial, to investigate the matter, to gather evidence material to the defense, and to consider possible defenses; and
4. The ends of justice will be best served by a continuance, and the ends of justice outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in any speedier trial, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and
5. The additional time requested between the current trial date of August 8, 2025, and the new trial date is necessary to provide defense counsel the reasonable time necessary to prepare for trial, considering counsel's schedule and all of the fact set forth above.

The unopposed motion for continuance (Dkt. No. 15) is therefore GRANTED. The trial date is continued to 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2026. Pretrial motions, including motions in limine, shall be filed no later than December 31, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED that the period of delay from the date of this order to the new trial date of February 9, 2026, is excludable time under 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

Dated this 15th day of July, 2025.

Kimberly K. Eason

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United States District Judge